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APPLICANTS : Stamler et al.

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EXAMINER : Marcos L. Sznaidman

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FOR : PREVENTION OF FLAP NECROSIS IN PLASTIC SURGERY

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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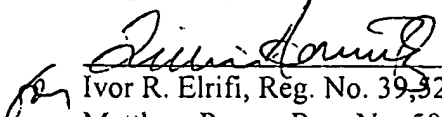
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 2, 2007, Applicants elect the invention of Group 1, claims 1-6, drawn to a method for preventing necrosis in a pedicle flap or in a micro vascular surgery comprising topically applying to pedicle or other source of blood supply, a therapeutically effective amount of vasodilator composition containing NO or NO donor or prodrug that causes formation of nitrosothiol in tissue, optionally in combination with lidocaine. Pursuant to the teleconference of February 21, 2008 between Examiner Sznaidman and Matthew Pavao, the Examiner has withdrawn the requirement of election of species.

With a three-month extension, this paper is due on or before March 2, 2008. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension along with the required fee.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 28195-508 NATL).

Respectfully submitted,

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